



January 15, 2024

Tena Seeds  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
15700 Dayton Avenue North  
Shoreline, Washington 98133

**RE: PROGRESS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023  
BLOCK 38 WEST SITE  
500 THROUGH 536 WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
AGREED ORDER NO.: DE 17963  
FARALLON PN: 397-019**

Dear Tena Seeds:

Farallon Consulting, L.L.C. (Farallon) has prepared this progress report on behalf of City Investors IX L.L.C. (City Investors IX) to provide a written monthly report describing actions taken during the previous month to implement the requirements of the Agreed Order and to document the remedial investigation activities conducted during December 2023 at the Block 38 West Site. The remedial investigation activities are being performed under Agreed Order No. DE 17963 (AO) between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and City Investors IX. The Block 38 West Site, as defined under the AO, is where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located. The Block 38 West Site is generally located at 500 through 536 Westlake Avenue North in Seattle, Washington (Block 38 West Property).

This progress report provides a summary of activities performed during the reporting period, changes in key personnel involved with the work, deviations from the scope of work, deviations from the schedule and resolution, a summary of sampling and testing reports, work planned and deliverables for the next reporting period, and public or regulatory communications.

#### **ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

No remedial activities were conducted during this reporting period. Future elements of the remedial investigation, which include quarterly groundwater monitoring events, will be performed in accordance with the AO and the Ecology-approved *Remedial Investigation Work Plan, Block 38 West Site, 500 through 536 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington* dated April 26, 2023, prepared by Farallon (RI Work Plan).



On December 21, 2023, Ecology provided final comments on the final *Interim Action Reports* for the Block 38 West Site. City Investors IX and Farallon incorporated Ecology's final comments and submitted the *Final Interim Action Report for the Block 38 West Site* on December 28 2023.

City Investors IX and Farallon are incorporating Ecology's comments and preparing the final version of the Interim Action Report, Alley Area of Block 38 West Site between Republican Street and Mercer Street for submittal to Ecology.

#### **CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL**

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO.

#### **DEVIATIONS FROM INTERIM ACTION WORK PLAN OR APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK**

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO.

#### **DEVIATIONS FROM SCHEDULE AND RESOLUTIONS**

Currently, no delays are anticipated to the AO schedule.

#### **SAMPLING PERFORMED, RESULTS, DATA VALIDATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DATABASE**

Activities conducted during this reporting period related to data collection, validation, and management include collection of groundwater samples and tabulation of draft groundwater laboratory analytical results. City Investors IX and Farallon participated in ongoing discussions with Ecology regarding interpretation of Ecology's *Guidance for Silica Gel Cleanup in Washington State*, published in November 2023, as it relates to the Block 38 West Site groundwater data set.

#### **WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

Work planned for the January 2024 reporting period includes preparing the *Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Report* and incorporating the January 2024 Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) rule update into the report. City Investors IX and Farallon will continue progress meetings with Ecology to discuss the remedial investigation data set.

City Investors IX and Farallon will address Ecology's final comments on and submit the final *Interim Action Report, Alley Area of Block 38 West Site* for the Block 38 West Site.

#### **PUBLIC OR REGULATORY COMMUNICATIONS**

City Investors IX has not participated in any meetings with interested members of the public or local governments, nor has it had any formal communications with Ecology personnel during this reporting period (i.e., other than ongoing coordination and discussions with Ecology regarding the remedial investigation).



Please contact the undersigned at (425) 295-0800 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

**Farallon Consulting, L.L.C.**

Suzy Stumpf, P.E.  
Principal Engineer

cc: Corey Wilson, City Investors IX L.L.C.

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